

Colorado WaterWise Board Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022
Agriburbia, Keenesburg, CO
10 a.m. to noon

P: Called-in via phone
X: Attended in-person

Board:

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| P | Abbye Neel | Brendle Group | aneel@brendlegroup.com |
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| P | Thomas Riggle | Centennial W&S District | triggle@highlandsranch.org |
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| X | Tyler Kesler | Town of Erie | tkesler@erieco.gov |
| P | Melissa Brasfield | CWW Board Contractor | admin@coloradowaterwise.org |
| P | Diellza Muriqi | CWW Board Contractor | associate@coloradowaterwise.org |

Guests:

Abbye – Northern Water
Nathan – Centennial W&SD
Darren Nowels – Northern Water
Kevin Heartly - Windsor

Call to Order

Katie called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM

Board Business and Action Items

- Introductions
- Approval of June Board Minutes. Alyssa motions, Ruth seconds. June minutes are approved.

Update on Support position

Brad provided an update at the last meeting. Diellza is in the process of reaching out to committee chairs to get a better understanding of the organization. She will be working on the BMP, membership, newsletter, marketing, fundraising and other initiatives.

Update on BMP Project

Courtney was not on the call this month. We have a contract with Basecamp Legal to assist with contract review for the BMP project. Contracting with CWCB and the CRD are moving forward.

Symposium update

No big updates as the Symposium meeting had to be rescheduled. Reminder to hold the date, October 26, 2022. **If your organization would be interested in sponsoring, please reach out to Melissa for additional information.** We are still working on the post-symposium event with Water Education CO and will have more information for the event. Thomas encourage everyone to reach out on sponsorship.

Other committee updates

- Newsletter
 - They are open to article ideas. Deadline is August 1.
 - They are also open to new members as they have had a few members drop off.
- LLYLI
 - Working on additional social media posts, kids' activity sheet for restaurants.
- Tools
 - Difficult time meeting during the summer months but there is some great news and information out there that they will be working to push out.
- Membership
 - Working on a student membership outreach with flyer to college and university networks. Thomas mentioned his interns might be a good test audience for the flyer information.
- Education Events
 - We have a lot of events planned for the rest of the year.
 - HOA turf conversion topic, planning for late-August.
 - Green stormwater infrastructure tour in September in Fort Collins.
 - Water Now federal funding webinar for municipal in October.
 - Best practice for bilingual events/webinars in December.

Round Robin

- Don announced he will be starting a one-year program on wooden boat building in Washington. He will be on hiatus starting in August.
- Darren and Northern Water is working on consistent regional messaging for Northeast Colorado.
- Laura had Naturally Thornton events recently with a series of garden tours. Saturday they are doing a garden open house and is capped at 200 people. They will give out their H2Overhaul kits at that event.
- Nathan is working on xeriscaping one of the well sites that Centennial has and to have it be open to the public.
- Lyndsey is working on a lot of consultations with businesses and HOAs. They are also involved in the Native Grass guide that Colorado Spring is working on.
- Eric is working on a lot of native grass arguments due to complaints. They are also looking into artificial turf. They are also working on water supply requirements for new taps. They are also working on graywater guidelines but will not be able to be used on the landscape.
- Tyler has doubled the turf replacement budget for the year. They have a goal of 10% reduction over the next 10 years and will likely hit that well in advance of that timing. They are also updating their comprehensive plan and working in a lot of land use updates.
- Abbye with Northern Water manages the grant program which funds large scale landscape conversions. They are getting some push back on native grasses and working on some fire wise recommendations that people are taking issues with.
- Quint noted he is working on getting a license for Tahoma 31 to grow it but hitting issues.
- Katie brought an initiative to council on their lower tap fee when turf was limited. Council was in favor with the idea to try to codify the new norm in landscaping. When they went back a few months after their initial presentation, the tone was different, and they were met with some resistance from Council. Council had concerns and wanted to give homebuyers the option to choose what they want. This initiative is now on hold.
- Thomas noted Centennial has gone into drought restrictions which limits watering to two days a week. They will be tracking this through AMI. The interns are working to identify leaks in the system through AMI.

- Lindsay noted the new turf replacement program is planning for funding in time for the 2023 irrigation season. CWCB has a FAQ page on this topic, <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/turf>. She reminded this is intended to expand your existing program does not supplement an organization's contribution. Lindsay will be reaching out to some folks to gather additional information for program planning. The state is going through their Regulation 86 update to streamline the ordinance. If you are interested in participating in the Reg 86 discussion, you can email. bret.icenogle@state.co.us. CWCB is also open to comments on the draft Water Plan Update.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by: Melissa Brasfield